

DIVERSIONS

THE STYLE INVITATIONAL

Head fakes: Reinterpreting headlines

BY PAT MYERS

Week 1481 was our perennial Mess With Our Heads contest, in which readers chose a headline from any publication and reinterpreted it by adding a bank head, or subtitle. Among the 1,400 submissions, the Post head "Trump Probably Broke Law, Judge Finds" brought many bank heads like "Pope Probably Catholic," "Sun Probably Rose in East Today."

4th place: Post headline: At age 101, he finally got his high school diploma Bank head: Plans gap year; parents skeptical (Milo Sauer, Fairfax)

3rd place: My goal, ultimately, is to get eyeballs. Our exclusive interview with Mr. Potato Head (Barbara Turner, Takoma Park)

2nd place and the dancing Hillary Clinton doll: Catholic University names president 'Biden, duh' (Sam Mertens, Silver Spring)

And the winner of the Clowning Achievement: Surveillance Video Captures Man Throwing Rock Through Two Windows Slapped comedian just keeps getting assaulted (Bill Dornier, Indianapolis)

LIGHTHEADED: Honorable mentions

Date Lab: It wasn't what she expected: Lots more panting and barking, for one thing (Duncan Stevens, Vienna)

At age 101, he finally got his high school diploma: Postal Service apologizes for delay (Ryan Martinez, Takoma Park)

How to get a husband to stop and listen: Taser unveils new marketing slogan (Allen Haywood, Washington)

Looking at trees isn't the only way to mark the National Cherry Blossom Festival: But keep your zipper up anyway (Kevin Dopart, Washington)

For God's sake, this man cannot remain in power: 'I'm doing my best,' sputters Kroger bagger after Shopper Karen outburst (Michael Cohen, Greenbelt)

10 women who have made history so far in 2022: Squeezing them all into one article gives us space for real news (Hannah Seidel, Alexandria)

97% had visibly reduced lines in one week [face cream ad]: Ga. reports great success in shrinking turnout at polls (Beverly Sharp, Montgomery, Ala.)

Are we ready for another wave? Queen says she will venture out again next week (Mark Raffman, Reston)

Art Briles steps down as Grambling's offensive coordinator days after being hired: 'I don't get it — I thought I was being really offensive' (John Hutchins, Silver Spring)

Birth of a Final Four: 'No more kids!' vows mother of quadruplets (Terry Lewis, Springfield, a First Offender)

Bowser eyes bike and bus expansion: 'With the size of today's butts, we've gotta have bigger seats,' D.C. mayor says (Craig Dykstra, Centreville)

Bowser plans \$10 million effort to support Black homeownership in city: Hopes to expand program to cover four homes next year (Allen Haywood)

Brain implant allows fully paralyzed patient to communicate: First communication is with billing department (Paul Frantz, San Francisco, a First Offender)

Clarence Thomas has some good advice for his wife: Explains how self-destructing message apps work (Karen Golden, Prince Frederick, Md.)

Congressman Madison Cawthorn under fire over claims of DC drugs and orgies: 'Why weren't we invited?' demand GOP leaders (Steve Benko, Southport, Conn.; Ken Bredemeier, Fairfax Station, a First Offender)

D.C. plans spike in traffic cameras that issue fines: Speeders' tires will be punished instantly by sharp-tipped projectile (Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn)

Examination shows how deeply Cruz was involved: Trump colonoscopy shows 'clear nose print,' physician says (Mark Raffman)

Getty exhibition features amazing depictions of human



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New for Week 1485: Switchcraft — transpose two letters in a word

Switch the L and D in LEMONADE and you get DEMON ALE: What made Billy and Susie's curbside stand sell out in 20 minutes. BETTY GARBLE: Famed pin-up model with great legs, not so great a voice. ACT OF DOG: Does your homeowner's policy cover shredded furniture?

This week's contest was suggested by 21-time Loser Jeff Rackow, who reminded the Empress of her goof in February when she announced the Week 1474 contest as "Week 1744," and suggested that she at least get a contest out of it. This week: Switch the positions of two letters within a word, name, title or phrase, then describe the result, as in Jeff's "Lemonade/demon ale" example and the others above.

Submit up to 25 entries at wapo.st/enter-invite1485 (note no space before the number). Deadline is Monday, May 2; results appear May 22 in print, May 19 online.



Rev. 'em up: Two-inch-tall Racing Nuns on wheels, this week's second prize.

Hummel, whose family had "given up Nun Racing for Lent." Other runners-up win their choice of our "For Best Results, Pour Into Top End" Loser Mug or our "Whole Fools" Grossery Bag. Honorable mentions get one of our lusted-after Loser magnets, "A Small Jester of Appreciation" or "Close, but Ceci N'est Pas un Cigare."

body from Renaissance era to today: They returned into bones! (Coleman Glenn, Huntingdon Valley, Pa.)

Giving a fresh listen to Grammy contenders: Picky parents hold second round of interviews for surrogate nana (Sarah Walsh, Rockville)

I-395 drivers do stupid things, and he has the tape: Man speeds after speeders while holding his camera out the window (Jon Gearhart, Des Moines)

If Biden Is Frustrated With Garland, It's His Own Darn Fault: He could have taken down White House Christmas decorations himself, critics say (Jon Grantham, Fairfax)

Hunter admits to killing nearby family's beloved dog: Bannon touts new Biden rumor (Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.)

It's Pride Week in Austin schools. The Texas AG says that's illegal: Envy, lust, gluttony remain lawful, AG assures supporters (Karen Lambert, Chevy Chase)

Jim Jordan prods GOP colleagues to consider impeaching Biden: Other R's refuse because 'Biden is not really president' (Steve Leifer, Potomac)

LA County sheriff shoots his mouth off again: Will be assigned desk duty after second hospital stay (Jonathan Jensen, Baltimore)

Michigan squeaks past surprising South Dakota: Big tectonic shift in Midwest reported (Roy Ashley, Washington)

More houses of worship are reopening, but attendance is flat: Deacons fill empty pews with leftover cardboard cutouts (Jon Gearhart)

PM Update: Cool but generally pleasant this weekend: Boris Johnson subdued but amiable following

difficult workweek (Jeff Shirley, Richmond)

Private jets multiply in the skies: Mile High Club no longer restricted to humans (Marli Melton, Carmel Valley, Calif.)

Racks can make things easier, until it's time to clean: 'When I'm scrubbin' that floor, woo-ee, I tip right over!' Dolly Parton says (Roxi Slep, Bariloche, Argentina)

Russia accused of breaking promise: Duh. (Dave Prevar, Annapolis)

Russians possibly sick: 'Ya think?' says head of cancer ward at Mariupol Children's Hospital (Don Norum, Charlottesville)

Schools nationwide are quietly removing books from their libraries: 'Big deal that the censors followed our noise rules!' says outraged librarian (Ryan Martinez)

She was a candidate to lead Levi's. Then she started tweeting: When she built a nest on her desk, they pressed her to see professional help (Bird Waring, Larchmont, N.Y.)

Key Youngkin adviser is paid by political firms, not state: Republicans praise governor's efforts to control state spending (Jerry Birchmore, Springfield)

Sink or swim: Fla. Gov. DeSantis signs witch trial bill (Kevin Dopart)

Trump is losing his grip on the GOP: Little fingers blamed (Stephanie Smilay, Takoma Park, a First Offender)

Smith's slap shows he's not perfect: Analysts: he could have used more thumb, better follow-through (Duncan Stevens)

More honorable mentions at wapo.st/invite1485. Still running — deadline Monday night, April 25 — tell us a sentence you can use in two given places, like the gym and the hairstylist's. See wapo.st/invite1484.

L.A. TIMES SUNDAY PUZZLE

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Crossword puzzle grid with clues and answers. Includes categories like ACROSS, DOWN, and extra special clues.

Answers to last week's puzzle below.

HOROSCOPE

BY GEORGIA NICOLS

Happy Birthday | April 24: You are a practical person who appears to have a casual, relaxed attitude toward life. You are determined and focused. Family is very important to you.

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping or important decisions after 8 p.m. The Moon is in Aquarius.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You might be at odds with a group or a friend about financial matters. Or this dispute could relate to your own possessions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Abraham Maslow said, "If the only tool you have is a hammer, you tend to see every problem as a nail."

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Bad news in the media might get to you. Sometimes it's wise to take a break from the news.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) This is a poor day for a serious discussion about inheritances, how to share something or how to deal with jointly owned property.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) People are inclined to see why something can't be done instead of looking for ways that it can be done. One is pessimistic, while the other is hopeful and optimistic.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Avoid controversial subjects today because these discussions will go south in a New York minute. People expect the worst.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Don't be upset about finances, inheritances, taxes or debt,

because things look worse than they are. If you believe in fairies, clap your hands.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Take the high road in discussions with partners and close friends, because it will be easy to fall into negativity and criticism.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Cooperate with work colleagues, because it's easy to be critical. Dale Carnegie said, "Any fool can criticize, condemn and complain, but it takes character and self-control to be understanding and forgiving."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Parents must resist the urge to criticize their kids. Likewise,

romantic partners also must resist being critical. Goethe said, "Correction does much, but encouragement does more." Chill out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) To keep peace and harmony at home, resist your urge to speak negatively or to criticize someone. Don't find reasons things can't be done. Instead, explore reasons things might be done.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Today it's easy to be down on yourself. When you feel negative, you feel victimized. "I'm never the one chosen," or "I'm always the last to know."

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Answers to the crossword puzzle from the previous week, including words like DRUB, TASTE, and ANTI.